(c) The details of sports persons benefited so far are as under:

S. No.	Year	Name of the Centre				Total
		Guwahati		Golaghat		
		STC	NSTC	STC	NSTC	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	1988	27	—	—	—	027
2.	1989	20	—	—	—	020
3.	1990	26	—	—	—	026
4.	1991	29	—	—	—	029
5.	1992	23	15	21	10	069
6.	1993	29	17	28	12	086
7.	1994	32	18	35	31	116
8.	1995	47	20	38	31	133
9.	19%	41	19	41	30	131
10.	1997	34	22	61	18	135
11.	1998	26	25	59	*	no
12.	1999	73	24	70		167
13.	2000	144	28	71		343
14.	2001	149	23	54		226
15.	2002	152	20	4!		213
	G .TOTAL	852	231	519	12	1731

Training to Skilled Sportsmen of Backward Regions

1188. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Special Skilled Sportsmen belonging to backward regions of our country;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to provide special training

for those sports personalities, to encourage them and to develop their sports career to the international standards; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHA KRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Though the talented sportspersons from remote hilly & tribal areas are inducted in National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC), Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC). SAi Training Centres (STC) and Centre of Excellence (COX) schemes of SAI, it is the Special Area Games (SAG) scheme which is specially focussed on talent scouting and nurturing of genetically gifted children from remote, hilly, costal and tribal areas of tlie country. The scheme also envisages tapping of talent from indigenous games and martial arts and from the regions which are either genetically or geographically advantageous for excellence in a particular sports discipline.

Sports Academies in H.P.

1189. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether there are any proposals for setting up sports academies in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, at which places such academies are being set up; and

(c) by when the proposals would materialise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHA KRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The State Sports Academies Scheme is yet to be finalised by the Government.

Financial Assisance to Meritorious Sports Persons

1190. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the sad state of affairs of many retired sports person who had represented India at the national /international levels;

(b) if so, whether Government have floated any scheme to help them; if so, the details thereof;